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## NEW YORK STATE CANAL CORPORATION ANNOUNCES SINKHOLE STABILIZATION PROJECT IN THE ERIE CANAL IN THE CITY OF LITTLE FALLS TO BEGIN WEEK OF APRIL 18TH

Repair Work Includes Grouting of the Erie Canal's Floor to Mitigate Seepage from Sinkhole West of Lock E-17

A 1.5-Mile Segment of the Erie Canalway Trail will be Detoured During the Project

The New York State Canal Corporation today announced a concrete grouting project to stabilize the structural integrity of the Erie Canal in the city of Little Falls, Herkimer County will begin the week of April 18, 2022. The Canal Corporation and its contractor will be pumping concrete into the floor of the canal between Lock E-17 and the guard gate to fill a sinkhole and mitigate water that is seeping from the canal into the Mohawk River at this location.

A 1.5-mile segment of the Erie Canalway Trail, which is part of the statewide Empire State Trail and is already detoured for ongoing trail maintenance, will remain closed until June. Trail users should continue to follow the signed on-road detour route through the city of Little Falls.

Throughout the duration of the project, residents will notice contractors, wearing hard hats and high-visibility vests, as well as concrete trucks and heavy equipment operating at and near the construction site.

It is anticipated that this stabilization work will be completed in May ahead of the Canal's opening on Friday, May 20, 2022.

The Canal Corporation appreciates the public's patience while this work is completed.

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